

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Office Action of June 28, 2005.

Reexamination, reconsideration, and allowance of the application and all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Second Response, claims 1-6, 8-10, 12-21, 23-27, and 29-35 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 8, 10, 12-14, 16, 17, 20, 23, 25, 26, 29-32, and 35 are directly amended herein, and claims 7, 11, 22, and 28 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application. Further, it is also believed that the foregoing amendments place the instant application in a condition for allowance by effectively canceling non-allowed subject matter from the claims. Thus, entry of such amendments is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

Claims 9, 15, 18, 19, and 24 are allowed, and claims 2, 4-8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 21-23, 25, 27-29, and 31-35 are indicated as allowable by the outstanding Office Action if such claims are rewritten to include the limitations of their respective base claims. Accordingly, pending claim 35 has been amended herein to include features of its base claim 20. In addition, the features of allowable claims 7, 11, 22, and 28 have been incorporated by amendment into their respective independent claims 1, 10, 20, and 26, and these independent claims are, therefore, allowable. The remaining claims 2-6, 8, 12-14, 16, 17, 21, 23, 25, 27, and 29-34 depend from a respective one of the allowable independent claims and are, therefore, allowable as a matter of law. *In re Fine*, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1596, 1600 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Thus, it is believed that all pending claims are allowable in their present form.


CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted ,

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